

On July 25, SIU President Glenn Poshard told the board of trustees he will retire at the end of the 2013-14 academic year. Poshard said he might devote more time in his retirement to the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, which he and his wife founded. | Alestle file photo

## President Poshard announces retirement

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Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Southern Illinois University President Glenri Poshard announced Thursday that he will retire after the 2013-14 school year, according to the school's board of trustees.

Poshard told the board of his intentions at a meeting Thursday at the university's Touch of Nature Environmental Center, said Misty Whittington, the board's executive secretary.

"I think anybody at my age weighs and balances the need to stay on and work against the need to have a personal life," Poshard said Thursday night.

Poshard, 67, said he's proud of keeping tuition costs down and the university's finances sound even as the state deals with

budget problems.

Poshard became president in January 2006, taking over the post from James

Walker, the first African-American president

at the university, who died a short time later after battling cancer. Poshard will retire in

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June of 2014. "It's going to be a loss to the university," said Randal Thomas, the board's chair-

cellor for administration at the university's Carbondale campus. The university will convene a search committee made up of faculty, administrative professionals and student representatives to find a new president.

Poshard said his current focus is on the rest of his tenure but added that he could see himself devoting more time in retirement to the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, which he and his wife founded.

"We very much have a passion for helping those children and that's in all probability what I'll set my sights on when I retire next June," Poshard said.

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## Surprises bring Patton to role as speaker at SIUE's last summer commencement

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Senior political science major Alyssa Patton, of Bethalto, wants the fact that she will be giving the last ever summer graduation speech to be a surprise to her family and close friends, which is appropriate since the topic of her speech will be "surprises."

"You never know what's going to happen in life, and it's full of surprises," Patton said.

Patton's boyfriend, Matt Heuer, of Gillespie, said she is a good candidate to speak to the graduating class because her student career shows that not everything happens as planned.

"She has a lot more experience going through her typical four years after high school," Heuer said. "It has shaped her into a very well-rounded and educated [person]."

Heuer, who graduated from SIUE with a degree in political science, said he hopes future college students will come out as resourceful as Patton because college graduates have had a difficult time finding jobs.

"You find people that are overqualified for the typical positions that entry-level jobs offer," Heuer said. "I feel like

Alyssa is kind of that new-age college student."

Her work in the community and as a student also contributes to her candidacy as the commencement speaker.

During the last two years, Patton said she has volunteered for multiple political campaigns and eventually interned for Kathy Smith's campaign for State Representative.

As an intern, she helped with campaign calls, parades and fundraising.

When it came to studying, Heuer said she was able to shut the world out and focus on her work.

Patton's immediate hope for the future is finding a job, but she said her dream job would be working for the National Rifle Association.

Patton said she is glad to be finishing school after encountering some obstacles along the way.

"I'm proud of myself for coming back to college," Patton said. "I took a little time off and then came back to SIUE and have done all A's and only one B."

Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. on Aug. 3 in the Vadalabene Center.

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Political science major Alyssa Patton will speak at commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday. | Photo courtesy of Alyssa Patton



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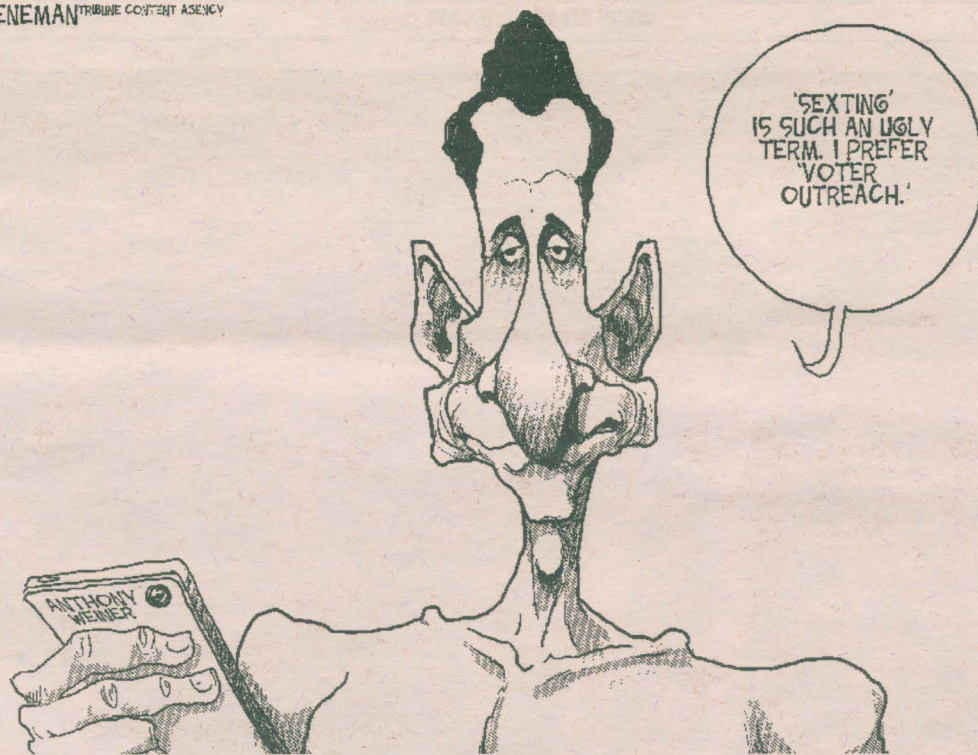
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## Fast food strike wage request destroys incentive to find career

**Mat Camp**  
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Picking up a Big Mac for a quick lunch may be a challenge this week in seven major cities, including St. Louis, as fast food workers began staging protests for a "livable wage" of \$15 an hour.

As a college student who spent four years and thousands of dollars for my degree, this is a downright offensive demand. Many of my friends who have graduated still aren't making that much, so I would be ecstatic to find an entry-level position that started at \$15 an hour.

What fast food workers are demanding essentially makes my effort to further my education in the hopes that I could find a decent job worthless. If they get their way, any dopey 16-year-old kid tossing tacos in a deep fryer would apparently be more valuable than many recent college graduates, and that isn't right.

While I understand it is impossible to make a living from a position that pays minimum wage, the reason is obvious: Those positions aren't designed to support someone with a mortgage and a family.

There is a difference between a job and a career, and fast food should be a stepping stone to something better.

Generally speaking, people aren't applying at McDonalds because it has been their dream since childhood to craft greasy,

cheap fast food for overweight customers; they are applying there because it is easy and Mickey D's is always hiring.

The fact that fast food is unskilled labor also makes it appealing to a number of people, including myself when I was in high school. I know first hand how much those jobs suck: The work is fast-paced and unrewarding, the hours are inconsistent and it is disheartening to look at your bank statement.

However, working such a terrible job also redoubled my resolution to complete college so I would never have to work in such awful conditions again.

These positions should not serve as careers, but stopgaps to put a little money in your pocket while you work toward something better. Even in high school, I felt this way and continued sending out applications until I found a much better unskilled position that paid way more as a valet in St. Louis.

I feel little pity for the striking workers who claim not to have received raises after years of working at their fast food joint, because it is obvious to me they settled and quit applying for better positions.

According to the National Restaurant Association, the food service industry has an employee turnover rate of about 75 percent.

This shows me, based on personal experience and that of people I know who have worked in the industry, that the majority

of fast food workers are moving on because the job sucks, which is good. They are going on to better themselves and not settle for less.

By asking for more money than many entry-level college grads, these striking workers are asking to take away the incentive to spend the time and effort to finish college, let alone to simply try and land a better job with more opportunities.

These fast food workers are trying to turn what should be a job into a career. Policies that only offer full-time hours and benefits to managers and not regular employees make it blatantly obvious the job is not meant to be long-term.

Instead of putting so much effort into fighting an uphill battle for ridiculously high wages at a crappy job, the striking employees should put the effort into polishing their resumes and sending out hundreds of applications — there are plenty of jobs out there that are better than Burger King, yet don't require specialized skills.

It can be more difficult to break into any career path that has the prospect of upward mobility when you lack experience or advanced education, but it is absolutely impossible if you settle for a menial position and stop trying to better yourself.

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## Summer commencement cancellation unfair to future students

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The commencement ceremony is a rite of passage for many students: A culmination of their college career capped off by receiving an interim diploma to the cheers of friends and family. The administration apparently feels like \$25,000 is enough money to cancel summer commencement.

Students spend four or more years pursuing a degree with the vision of walking across the stage in cap and gown. It marks a point of pride and a sense of accomplishment for every college student that had the willpower and intestinal fortitude to complete their degree.

While students graduating in the summer will still be able to walk in the winter or spring commencement ceremonies, it will likely create a hassle in their lives, especially if they are not from the area.

The choices they'll be left with are really

not fair considering the amount of money each paid to attend SIUE. They can either come back in the winter, hustle to get within nine-credit-hours so they can walk in the spring, or simply forfeit the right they've paid for to walk across the stage.

It's really trivial if you scratch at the surface a little bit. It would be like Bill Gates complaining about paying for his employees' office chairs. Sure, he could save a little bit of money in doing that, but it really wouldn't be worth the hassle.

What it really breaks down to is greed. There is no logical reason for cancelling summer commencement. Students earned it. Students paid for it. Students deserve it. Bottom line.

Each and every student who graduates has paid nearly \$50,000 into university bank accounts and to deny them or even tell them they have to wait four more months to have their commencement just to save a measly \$25 grand is preposterous.

If the university needs to cut costs,

which is highly unlikely, they need to do it somewhere else. This is not high school; this is a university that charges students to attend. The administration should not short-change them by nit-picking at something as important to students as the commencement ceremony.

Additionally, as reported in a February 25, 2013 Alestle article, the decision to cancel commencement was made by the Marketing and Communications Department, the Office of the Provost, the Dean's Council and the chancellor. One student felt that the student body should have been a part of any decision made that has such a large and lasting effect and I would agree.

The actions of the administration on this matter cry foul and are a blatant example of pettiness that has no place at our university.

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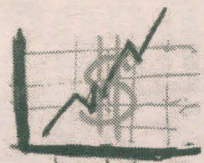
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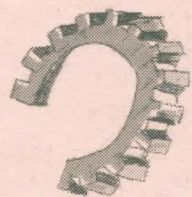
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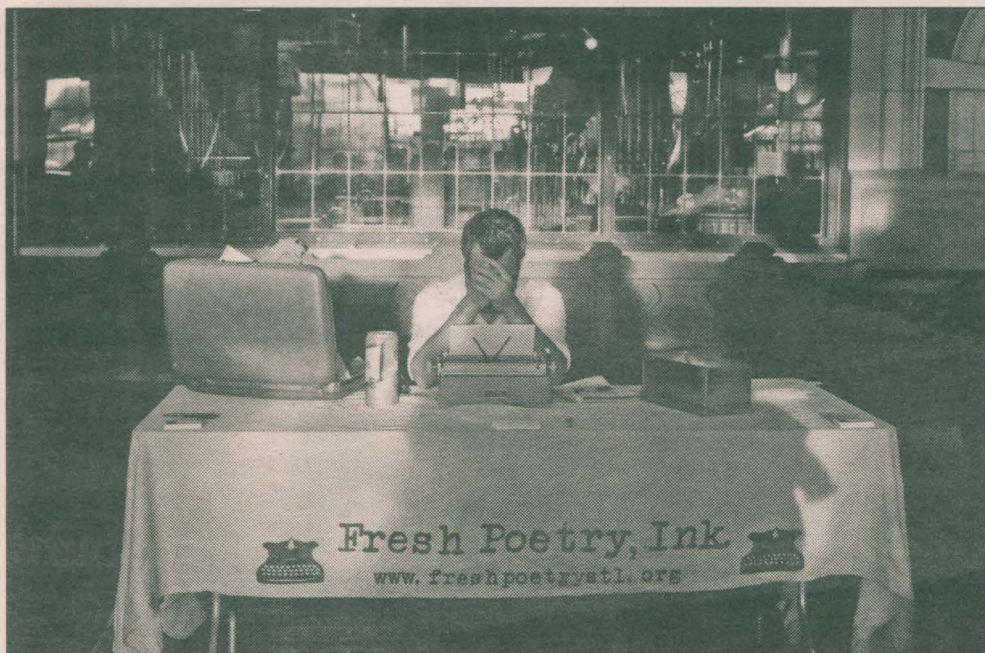
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## 'What the hell is St. Louis thinking?'

August opportunity to type your thoughts



Fresh Poetry, Ink., one of Henry's writing projects, involves writing poems on any topic on the spot for the people of St. Louis. | Photo courtesy of Henry Goldkamp



Henry Goldkamp's typewriters come from his own collecting throughout the Fresh Poetry, Ink. project along with donations and rentals from people who responded to Craigslist wanted ads. Goldkamp posted two ads in order to supply the What the Hell is St. Louis Thinking project. | Photo courtesy of Henry Goldkamp

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Construction worker by day and poet by night, Henry Goldkamp, of St. Louis, can often be found on a busy city sidewalk offering to write poems about any topic for anyone on the spot. But now he wants St. Louis to write for him.

Fresh Poetry, Ink. was Goldkamp's live poetry project. He wants to answer a simple question through his new project: What the hell is St. Louis thinking?

For the entire month of August, about 27 typewriter stations will be set up across St. Louis at schools, cemeteries, bars, businesses and more for anyone to sit down, type his or her thoughts and drop them in a slot where Goldkamp will collect them later.

"It's just all of St. Louis' thoughts — whatever's on their minds. I think that is a very interesting way to define a city, and that's what I'm going for. That's why I tried to get as diverse locations as possible," Goldkamp said. "It's all going into a book by the name of 'What the Hell is St. Louis Thinking?' Hopefully, we will find out by the end of August what the hell we're thinking."

Goldkamp said he loves the city and he can't wait to discover more about it through the people who participate in this project.

"You're a human being and you've been sad before and you've been heartbroken before and absolutely overwhelmed with happiness before; you've been bored before; you've been worried before. I'm expecting every single thing that makes us human and makes us St. Louis to be in there," Goldkamp said.

Goldkamp's experiences through Fresh Poetry, Ink. were part of his inspiration to turn the tables on St. Louisans.

"It's probably one of my biggest pet peeves — people come up and they're like, 'Write a poem about my wife.' Then they just kind of sit there and look at me," Goldkamp said. "Okay, sir, I don't fucking know your wife. You have to tell me something. You can go to Hallmark and buy a card if you want it to be like that. When people do things like that, I grill them, and I bring things out of them that they normally wouldn't say, but I get them thinking about it."

"That man's wife. He knows her better than I ever will, obviously. Maybe he's been

married to her 30+ years. It's the kind of thing where normally maybe you don't think about it. You're doing your day-to-day and you've never really sat and thought, 'What does your wife mean to you?' And he's sitting there and he's thinking about it and all of a sudden he says something and it's just his natural description of her. And it's so much more beautiful than anything I could have thought because he knows it."

Goldkamp said people surprise him all the time in this way.

"It made me realize that just because they don't know — it's just their natural dialogue, it's what they say, so they don't consider it poetry or they don't consider it beautiful because they're just thinking, 'These are just some words that came out of my mouth,'" Goldkamp said. "They just leave it at that because they've never really had an audience for it. It's just been sitting inside their head. It's just their thoughts. It's amazing what these people have to say, and I wanted to capture that on a large scale because I think that everybody has these thoughts day-in and day-out; they just don't realize how beautiful they are."

He said the other part of his inspiration came from just leaving a typewriter out during parties at his place.

"I would set out a typewriter on a continuous scroll, wake up the next day to the hellish nightmare that is broken beer bottles and cigarette butts everywhere, but then you would take this scroll and you'd read it and it would make up for everything because it was amazing what came out of that night of people typing on the typewriter," Goldkamp said.

So far, he's done everything to organize the project on his own, but said if more businesses want to get involved, he may extend the project past August and need a little help. Goldkamp said students interested in an unpaid internship working with him on the What the Hell is St. Louis Thinking project can contact him on Facebook or Twitter.

"And if you have a pick-up truck, then you're sold. You can get on board and I'll write you a nice little note for your future employer at a real job," Goldkamp said.

Follow Goldkamp and the project throughout August @WTHSTL on Twitter and on the "What the Hell is St. Louis Thinking" Facebook page.

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## EDUCATION, ACCEPTANCE FOUND AT ST. LOUIS' 6TH ANNUAL NAKED BIKE RIDE

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The Grove on Manchester in St. Louis, which was the endpoint of the 6th annual Naked Bike Ride, was more alive than usual Saturday night.

Crowds gathered at the sidelines cheering on semi-nude and completely nude bike riders of all ages as they reached the finale of their 15-mile journey.

Paul Dorlaque, founder of St. Louis Gateway Nudist and one of the event's sponsors, said the purpose of this worldwide event is to raise awareness about oil dependency, body image and cyclists on the streets.

"What better way to grab attention than to do it in the nude?" Dorlaque said.

Dorlaque had informational tables set up, and in response to the idea of lust and the beauty of the body, Dorlaque explained that there is a fine line between sexuality and nudity.

"Being nude does not mean to be implied with sexuality," Dorlaque said.

David Wraith attended and spoke at the pre-ride event about acceptance. He is the co-founder of Sex Positive St. Louis, an organization that co-sponsored the Naked Bike Ride.

"We are an educational and social organization," Wraith said. "We promote sex positivity acceptance of all alternative sexualities — positive body image."

Not everyone has a positive image of his or her body; even Wraith said he doesn't have a positive image of himself.

"[The event] is what I call body image immersion therapy," Wraith said. "It's like jumping into a pool all at once instead of dipping in a toe and slowly going in."

For those who might participate completely nude next year, Wraith said the feeling is not that bad.

"People every year say, 'Oh god, you're going to ride your bike naked. That must hurt' and I'm always thinking, 'What kind of pants do you people wear that this much material makes so much of a difference?'" Wraith said. "It's like having your bare thighs on a chair. Plus, I have a padded inflatable seat."

He suggests riders be resourceful when it comes to storage while on the bike ride. If riders go completely nude, pockets will not be available. Wraith said carrying a backpack is helpful.

According to Wraith, helmets are recommended, but not as necessary on a ride with as many as 1,000 participants.

"You're far more likely to collide with another bike rider than you are to be hit by a car or really wipe out and injure yourself," Wraith said.

There have been no horrific injuries in St. Louis' Naked Bike Ride history, Wraith added.

"You see people with flat tires and flat tires always suck, especially when you're naked," Wraith said. "If you wipe out on a



View more photos from the St. Louis Naked Bike Ride at [alestlelive.com](http://alestlelive.com). | Photo by Rebekha Blake

Naked Bike Ride, you literally have 1,000 people to [help] and get you back on your bike."

With that many people, Wraith said organization at the start point of the route can be chaotic, but the crowd thins as the ride continues.

Each year, the event organizers try to develop better methods for the initial stage of the

bike ride, but their efforts only seem to compensate for the yearly increase in participants.

"Every year we improve, but every year we grow. So, even though we made adjustments, we have to accommodate twice as many people," Wraith said.

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## Cougar athletes raise academic standard

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With its first season of full Division I accreditation under its belt, SIUE athletics has managed to improve on the field and in the classrooms.

As the 2013-2014 sports calendar begins, coaches and players will continue to encourage academic excellence from student-athletes.

This year alone, men's cross country, women's golf and women's tennis were honored by the Ohio Valley Conference for academic achievement. Almost every team from SIUE had an athlete qualified to receive the honor as an individual. The programs also had 10 athletes that were named Medal of Honor winners, the award given to those in the OVC who manage a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Cross Country Head Coach Eileen McAllister said she was proud of what her team was able to accomplish and she looks forward to seeing them succeed in the future.

"We talk a lot about academics through the course of the year. We are always looking for ways to help them perform well in the classroom," McAllister said.

For many coaches, making sure players will take their class schedule as seriously as their game schedule is the first priority of recruiting. Softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, who is also the Senior Woman Administrator for SIUE, said when she begins recruiting,

players are made aware of their obligations they will have academically as well as to the team.

"They are all made aware of their responsibilities as a student-athlete coming in," Montgomery said. "It is an expectation to work hard and be a good student from their first day."

The awards and praise were not limited to the OVC. The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association listed the women's track and field team as an All-Academic team. It was the fourth year in a row the team made the list.

With traveling, practices and game schedule, it may be easy for some athletes to overlook their work as a student. In June, the NCAA barred 18 teams from 10 institutions from postseason play for the upcoming school year. These schools were unable to meet the Academic Progress Rates, which can lead to suspension of postseason play and to the loss of scholarships and funding.

Earlier this year, SIUE had four teams publicly recognized for posting perfect APR scores. Women's Soccer Head Coach Derek Burton, whose team was one of four to score perfectly, said for a student-athlete to be successful, it has to be something they are willing to do consistently.

"All of our players are very concerned with their academics," Burton said. "Our upperclassmen do a good job of setting an example and everything is set in place; it has become a culture for us now."



Women's tennis was one of three SIUE teams to be recognized for academic excellence in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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The National Soccer Coaches Association also recognized seven members of the team as Scholar All-Region selections.

"This type of recognition only comes through disciplined work, and they have earned every bit of recognition they receive," Burton said.

The men's soccer team has also shown it is willing to work hard in the classroom. Playing in the

Missouri Valley Conference, 12 members of the team were able to achieve high academic standing in the conference.

As SIUE moves forward this season, many of the coaches are expecting their players to not only improve their performance but also continue building their academic standings.

With the volleyball team having eight players recording GPAs more

than 3.25, Head Coach Leah Johnson said she felt very fortunate to have a team who understands what is required of them.

"They have that mindset. They understand how important it is to be a good student, and to be a good person in general," Johnson said.

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## Brown named new director of golf

### ALESTLE STAFF

Derrick Brown has been named the director of golf for SIUE athletics. In his new role, Brown will oversee both the men and women's golf programs at SIUE as both teams look to improve on their standings from last season.

Brown, who will begin his fifth season as the men's head coach, takes over the women's team after former head coach Jennifer Jakel left SIUE for a position outside of athletics. Jakel had led the Cougar women's program for the past seven seasons.

During the 2012-13 season, Brown led the Cougar men to their first ever Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Last season, the Cougars enjoyed their best 54-hole total score in school history with an 853 at the Tennessee State Big Blue Intercollegiate. SIUE's second round score of 282 at Tennessee State was the second lowest 18 hole-score in school history.

The team men's team enjoyed four top five finishes and individual players carded 34 separate rounds under par during the year. While the women's program scored three top five finishes last season.

With the announcement, Brown also released the 2013-2014 men's competition schedule. The schedule features 10 tournaments, beginning with the Cougars' home tournament, which returns after a year off. The Derek Dolenc Invitational presented by Doubletree will take place Sept. 9-10 at Sunset Hills Country Club. SIUE won its home tournament the last time it was played in 2011.

SIUE will compete in the Cincinnati Bearcat Invitational Oct. 7-8. The Cougars will return to Illinois State's D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate Sept. 15-16, DePaul's John Dallio Memorial Tournament Sept. 28-29, and Kansas City's Bill Ross Intercollegiate Oct. 14-15 to round out the fall portion of the schedule.

The teams will return to Arkansas State's Red Wolves Intercollegiate April 7-8 and finish the regular season with a new tournament: Kentucky's Bluegrass Invitational April 12-13. The OVC Championships move to Muscle Shoals, Ala. this season and will take place April 24-26.

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## Softball adds assistant

### ALESTLE STAFF

The SIUE softball program introduced Jessica Jones as assistant coach, the newest assistant hire for the Cougars. This comes after Head Coach Sandy Montgomery welcomed Alicia Abbott to the program in June. Jones said she hopes to build on SIUE softball's tradition of excellence both on and off the diamond.

"Softball is important to me, but more important is an athletic program that fosters building of character, integrity and requiring excellence on and off the field; all of which Head Coach Sandy Montgomery and Athletic Director Dr. Brad Hewitt embody here at SIUE," Jones added. "I look forward to being an integral part of the machine we call SIUE Athletics."

Jones comes to Edwardsville after serving as Associate Head Coach at Buffalo for the past five seasons, and as an assistant coach at Ohio University. During her time with the Bulls, Jones acted as the team's offensive coach, pitching/catching coach, and recruiting coordinator.

She also coordinated travel, scouted opponents, conducted player evaluations and managed the team's budget. Jones also served as the Bulls' acting head coach for the majority of the 2010 season.

As a coach, Jones oversaw the development of five All-Mid-American Conference performers, three All-MAC Freshman Team honorees and

helped the team make its first appearance in the MAC Tournament for the first time since 2004.

Jones work as an assistant coach at Ohio University spanned from 2005 to 2008. She helped lead the Bobcats to a third-place finish at the MAC Tournament in 2007 and a second-place finish in 2008.

At Ohio, Jones' role was similar to her experience at Buffalo including acting as the team's offensive coach and recruiting coordinator. During the 2007 season, Ohio led the MAC in batting average under Jones' tutelage.

As a player, Jones was a four-year starter at Purdue from 1999 to 2003. She was the Boilermakers' starting third baseman as a freshman before starting as catcher for her remaining three seasons. She served as Purdue's team captain from 2001-2003 and was honored as an All-Big Ten performer during her senior season as well as an all-region honoree as a freshman.

Jones also gained experience as player and coach for the Division A1 Italian Professional Women's Softball team in Bologna, Italy, in 2005. While overseas, Jones played catcher and third base while also assisting with practice planning and game strategy.

She will be joining a team coming off of a 2013 season, in which they finished 35-13, the program's best record since 2009.

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